

Remarks

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 8, 2008, the Applicants elect Group I, encompassing claims 1-9. While an election of species is not required, it is noted that the Examiner suggested that prosecution might be facilitated by the election of a species. Therefore, for the purposes of initial examination only, the Applicants elect the species of Example 10, on pages 55-56 of the Specification: 6-Oxo-7-phenyl-3-(phenylthio)-6,7-dihydrothieno[2,3-*b*]pyridine-2-carboxamide.

The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-3319 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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